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REPORT NO. 

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COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC see Fall Maneuver in Thuringia

EVALUATION  25X1A PLACE OBTAINED  25X1ADATE OF CONTENT  25X1ADATE OBTAINED  25X1A DATE PREPARED  25X1A25X1A REFERENCES  25X1APAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS SOURCE  25X1X

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1. During the nights of 9 and 15 October 1953, about 150 T-34/85 tanks  
 25X1B including  were detrain at the  
 Weimar freight station and departed toward Bad Berka. Most of their

25X1B  1. On 9 October, seven armored full-track vehicles  
 carrying ammunition and each occupied by two soldiers wearing red-bordered  
 25X1B black epaulets and sedan  occupied by a general were seen going  
 toward Bad Berka. On 17 October, six trucks each towing a 37-mm AA gun  
 went from Weimar to Bad Berka. Motor vehicle  25X1B

25X1B were identified.

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2. On 8 October, 16 x 85-mm AA guns, 20 x 37-mm AA guns and 12 trucks with  
 AA machine guns left the Flak Kaserne in Weimar for the maneuver. They  
 returned on 16 October. On 8 October, 24 x 37-mm AA guns, 8 trucks with  
 AA machine guns, 30 trucks with equipment and 6 radio trucks left the  
 Luetzendorf Kaserne for the maneuver. They returned on 17 October. 2

3. Shipments observed on 16 October included:

4:30 p.m. Troop train carrying trucks and guns in Froettstedt.  
4:40 p.m. Three troop trains carrying trucks, guns, tanks and assault  
 guns in Gotha.

5:10 p.m. Troop train with 10 guns and trucks in Wandersleben.  
 At 5:15 p.m., the street to the railroad station in Neudietendorf was  
 occupied by tanks, assault guns, trucks, field kitchens, guns and rocket  
 launchers. A troop train was loaded at the Neudietendorf railroad station.  
 At 5:30, six troop trains carrying guns, trucks, tanks and assault guns  
 and headed toward Weimar were seen at the marshaling yard of the Weimar  
 railroad station. About 200 soldiers with rifles and baggage were together  
 with source in the express train. They changed in Weissenfels. A bridge  
 of 2 or 3 pontoons which was guarded was seen across a small river.  
 Source thought that it served as approach route for loading operations. 3

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25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. Tank [redacted] do not belong to the Eighth Gds Army. They were also observed by another source in the Weimar area on 10 October. See [redacted].

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25X1A 2. [redacted] Comment. The report confirms that the 13th AAA Div participated in the maneuvers from 8 to 17 October 1953.

25X1A 3. [redacted] Comment. These shipments again confirm that the maneuvers were completed in the Ohrdruf area on 15 October.

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